

disability connect.

helping families

Vision

That people with disabilities and their families are able to lead the lives they want

Core Value

To respect and support choice

Mission

To lead change and influence change for people with disabilities and their families.

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In order to keep informed about important issues, seminars and changes to any seminars it is important that you LIKE us on Facebook !

Please visit our Facebook page [here](#) and 'like' us. You can follow us on Twitter [here](#).

Disability Connect news

New Disability 'Colleague' Social Worker role at Disability Connect

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new [social worker role](#) to provide advocacy, support and practical help to families and individuals with a disability. Click on the link to find out more about this service which is free to families. We welcome new referrals either directly from families or from professionals.

New charge for professionals attending Disability Connect seminars

Disability Connect is introducing a \$20 charge per professional to attend our seminars (no charge to family members or individuals with a disability). This can be paid by cash, cheque (made out to our full organisation name Parent and Family Resource Centre Inc.) or direct debit. We do not accept credit card or Eftpos payments. We are happy to send an invoice at the time of booking. Payment is required prior to attendance.

Disability Support Guide available from Disability Connect in English, Simplified Chinese, Korean and Arabic

Our popular (and free!) Disability Support Guide is now available in English, Chinese Korean and Arabic! To order copies contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Good news stories - Please

Feedback and good news stories about how we have helped you at some point over the last few years. Ph Gabi 636-0351 email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Support groups – Disability Connect

Disability Connect offers cultural special support groups to families with children of special needs as part of the CALD service (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advisory Service) for different ethnic groups. The Chinese Families Autism Support Group runs every third Tuesday of the month. The Indian Families with Children of Special Needs Support group also runs monthly. All families with special needs are welcome to join the relevant support group. It is a great opportunity for parents to share their experience and network with each other. Please contact Sanny or TingTing at Disability Connect for more information or bookings: 526 1298 (DDI)/636 0351 or sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

NEWSFLASH!!!!

Transition Expo – 2 August 2016 – save the date!!! "The progression from school to community life"

Our popular Expo is happening again. We had such good feedback regarding the venue, we will again be holding it at Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, from 9am – 2.00pm

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



Disability Connect seminars coming up

On 5 April the "[Education Legal Issues](#)" seminar is scheduled to run at Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura, from 7-9pm.

Next "[Individualised Funding including respite](#)" is planned for 7-9pm on 7 April at Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Rd, Otahuhu and again 14 April at Disability Connect Premises at 3b Olive Rd in Penrose.

And the "[Work and Income Supports](#)" seminar is scheduled for 6 April 7-9pm at Disability Connect Premises at 3b Olive Rd in Penrose.

"[Planning for Adulthood](#)" (new and expanded version of our Trust and Welfare seminar) is scheduled for the 12 April 6.30-9.15pm at Westwave Pool and Leisure Centre, 20 Alderman Drive, Henderson.

There are also other dates for these seminars, click on the links for more info.

Altogether Autism Conference 19-20 July 2017 in Auckland – Save this Date!

Information will follow in due course.

Child Matters: new Child Protection courses

Go to their website for information:

<http://www.childmatters.org.nz/22/child-protection-training>

Portal is offering some workshops

Including one on [Stigma and discrimination](#).

Auckland Disability Law – Imagine better

Are offering two more free [workshops](#): 6 April on Employment Rights and 24 May on Police and Court (your rights). Please contact info@adl.org.nz to register.

IDEA Services have send through some info about [ASD services](#) in Auckland.

Raeburn House – Workshops Treaty of Waitangi

Date/Time: Tuesday, 12th April, 5th July and 18th October from 10am to 3pm at 65 Pearn Crescent, Norman King Building, Northcote (beside Library)

Cost: \$40 (light lunch and morning tea included)

Mangere Community Law Centre and Auckland Disability Law

would like to invite you to register for this [Law in a Nutshell programme](#) which is specially focused on disability and your legal rights. This free eight week programme runs every Wednesday, 9:30 am–12:30pm, starting 4 May 2016 to 22 June 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Children's Autism Foundation Quiz Night Fundraiser 6 APRIL, 7-9PM

This event hosted by Shane Cortese at the YES Disability Resource Centre 3 William Laurie Place, Albany.

Geneva Healthcare – Cruise The Bays

invites you to join in the fun at Cruise The Bays - Colour Cruise on Thursday 31 March at Mission Bay. Click on link for info.

TANI 14th Annual Asian Forum – Save the date!

This is planned for 19th April at the Fickling Centre. The topic is: "explore the meaning of "cultural competence" in NZ context."

This is for health & social sector professionals and volunteers, public health or health & social science students, community leaders and interested people.

A range of interesting speakers and a couple of workshops are planned. *Asian cuisine will be provided for your lunch!*

Please register soon as spaces are limited for this fun-filled day of learning! Click [here](#) for your registration or E-mail Helena at Helena.ong@asiannetwork.org.nz

Auckland Disability Law - Supported Decision Making – a National Conversation Hui 20 & 21 April 2016. Registrations and more information here.

Housing Summit invitation 16 April 10am

This meeting, organised by State Housing Action Network, Child Poverty Action Group and Unite Union, will discuss the housing crisis for low and middle income families.

NOTICES



Korean Day 2 April 2016 10am-5pm

The Korean Society of Auckland is hosting a day full with music, dance, games, ceremonies and much more at the **NORTH SHORE EVENTS CENTRE**.

Accessible Arts calling for proposals for papers, presentations or workshops to present at the **2016 Arts Activated conference**, 'Pathways to Practice', 20 and 21 September at Carriageworks, Sydney Australia. Click on link for [info and registration](#).

Māpura Studios

has openings in their Artist in Movement class (Mondays 12:30-2pm) for adults with disabilities and their Kids' Open Studio class for children aged 5-12 with ASD and other special needs (Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm). Both classes are taught at our studio in Fowlds Park, St Lukes. They are also running a Music & Creativity Out West at Corbans Estate in Henderson (Thursdays 12:30-2). Please go to www.mapurastudios.org.nz for more info.

Support worker needed

A Howick family looking for an English speaking support worker for their 14 years old daughter with Autism between 3-6pm (e.g taking her to swimming, walks and other activities) 2-4 times/week. Some weekend work may be required, hours will be varied based on the activities. Family will pay \$18-\$20 (plus 8% holiday pay) based on experience, plus mileage, event entry fee etc. Full NZ driver licence essential. Also looking for overnight respite for 3 nights/month. Yvonne caiyuyang512@hotmail.com

Survey part of a PhD study "How does the need for fulltime care impact on the social interactions and activities of young adults with complex needs?"

The study aims to provide new insights and understanding of care and its influence on the social interactions and relationships of young adults with complex needs. The link to the information will also provide the link to the survey.

Young Adult Research Participants wanted – University of Auckland

A study involving EEG for ASD adults and possibly young adults. They want to reach out to find participants as part of the preparation. This study aims to help improving diagnosis and treatment for ASD individuals. Participants and/or their caregivers are going to receive an informal telephonic report and a more formal written report if requested. Detailed reports fit for purpose such as to obtain benefit may also be obtained but will have a cost, though lower than the normal rate. Contact: Stephen Safford Wolfson 0211601914

"Creative Lives Project NZ"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1660356754178749/?fref=ts>

This is a public group on Facebook for families looking at living options for their disabled family member.

They are currently trying to find people who would share their success stories.

Announcement from Deaf Aotearoa

This is an exciting opportunity for you to give YOUR thoughts and feedback about NZSL Weeks 2007-2015. A survey is available in both NZSL and English at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DQNZ7J> Please complete the survey by **Friday, 15th April 2016**.

Counties Manukau District Health Board - Warm Up Counties Manukau and now also Tamaki

This programme is to ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter. To be eligible for the **free** retrofitting insulation programme you must live in the Counties Manukau, Papakura, or Franklin area, live in a private home built prior to 1st January 2000, must have a Community Services Card and priority will be given to families with children (*under 17*) or older adults (*over 65*) living in the household with health conditions. Please [click here](#) for information leaflet and [here](#) for application.

For people in the Tamaki area please contact Tevita.Malolo@tamakiregeneration.co.nz

Accounting Services (for Individualised Funding)

Vimlesh Nadan can provide accounting services to parents who use Individualised Funding to pay their support worker. He does payroll, PAYE and Kiwi-saver for his own daughter's support worker. Contact him on 0210574124 or email nadan2fj@yahoo.com for an appointment.

English for Everyday Life/English for Work – Auckland Wide

[Click here](#) for more information on English classes for (new) migrants being run by English Language Partners New Zealand. Phone 09 523 0071 or email joan.goddard@englishlanguage.org.nz

St Lukes -Early Childhood Centre

Did you know they also take disabled children for an hour or two while you do your shopping (no nappy change)? It's not specified on their website <https://www.westfield.co.nz/stlukes/services/all-services/st-lukes-shoppers-creche/657> but just ask about it.

ASD Support Services - survey

David West,MA (Psych) Candidate, Massey University is looking to hear from caregivers of young children or young people (0-16) with ASD, to research how individualized services are for them. Participants are able to take part through an online questionnaire. Click on link above or go to: https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_1HXHrsMfKnrOBOB

Skylight's 2016 brochure

Skylight is a national not for profit trust that enables children, young people, their family/whanau and friends to navigate through times of trauma, loss and grief.

They facilitate access to expert information, education, professional services and support. They also educate, train and support professionals,

agencies and individuals who assist those dealing with trauma, loss, and grief.

[Counselling Services](#)

[Disability Sector Project Information and updates](#)

[Other organisations information](#)

[Playgroups, activities, after school and holiday programmes](#)

Websites of interest

- <https://www.offthepage.co.nz/> easy to read, high interest books for low level readers, suited to readers with any reading disability, struggling readers or adults learning to read. Also [click here](#) for their general info.
- <http://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/sites/plan-your-visit/visitor-information/accessibility-info> Accessibility, disability and mobility information for Auckland Zoo visitors
- <http://www.education.govt.nz/news/consultation-workshops-to-support-the-education-act-update-1989/> Consultation workshops to support the Education Act Update 1989
- <http://www.abilityadventures.co.nz/> Ability Adventures – Exploration, adventure and discovery through travel
- <http://www.access4all.co.nz/> Accommodation & Activities for people with reduced mobility
- <http://www.oysternz.co.nz/> Oyster Accessible Travel offer a comprehensive booking site and travel guide for travellers with extra mobility needs.
- <http://www.staydry.co.nz/shop/> for various incontinence products, look at kids underwear range.

Articles of interest:

["Study Finds Merit In Classroom-Based Autism Therapy"](#)

["Public Appeal for Revolutionary New Wheelchair"](#)

["He's his best mate' - tale of Kiwi boy and his dog captivates the world"](#)

["Ministry of Education projects aim to bridge gap for special needs children"](#)

["Nike Expands Shoe Line For People With Special Needs"](#)

["Access to Justice for our most vulnerable" Community Law in Aotearoa](#)

["New Pilot Programme for Mobility Parking Users"](#)

["Z Energy and Gobabygo get disabled kids moving"](#)

["Taking the LEAD on disability employment"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[Achieve 2B Newsletter](#) - February 2016

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

[CCS Disability Action Information Service newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Children's Autism](#) – March 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – January 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly](#) – March 2016 and [Easter 2016](#) and [NZSL week poster](#)

[Disability Support Network newsletter](#) - February 2016

[Dotty Wobble](#) – March 2016

[e-cald news](#) – March 2016 [special edition March 2016](#)

[Enable NZ Newsletter – Kia Maro](#) – February 2016

[Expressions](#) – Autumn 2016

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – February 2016 [Open for better care e-update](#) – March 2016

[Independent Living Service Newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Interacting Newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Mapura Studios](#) – February 2016

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – March 2016 incl [Children's Action Plan Children's Workforce Core Competencies – Draft Framework](#)

[News from the land of Be](#) – February 2016

[Numicon](#) – Term 1 2016

[Parent to Parent newsletter](#) – March 2016

[Plunket e-news – March 2016](#)

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – February 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Autumn 2016

[Turangawaewae March: Human Rights Commission News](#)

[YES e-news](#) – March 2016



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